

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1.

Please add the following claims:

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1. An intelligent agent having a negotiation object comprising:
at least one first sub-object associated with the negotiation object; and
at least one second sub-object associated with the first sub-object, wherein a negotiation
with the second sub-object is satisfied prior to entering negotiation with the first sub-
object.

2. The intelligent agent as in claim 1, further comprising:
at least one attribute associated with the first sub-object.

3. The intelligent agent as in claim 2, further comprising:
at least one attribute associated with the second sub-object.

4. The intelligent agent as in claim 3, wherein the second sub-object and the first sub-object
are in a hierarchical relationship.

5. A method of forming a negotiation object of an intelligent agent comprising:
forming at least one first sub-object associated with the negotiation object; and
forming at least one second sub-object associated with the first sub-object, wherein a
negotiation with the second sub-object is satisfied prior to entering negotiation with the
first sub-object.

6. The method as in claim 5, further comprising:
forming at least one attribute associated with the first sub-object.

7. The method as in claim 6, further comprising:
forming at least one attribute associated with the second sub-object.

8. The method as in claim 6, further comprising:
forming the second sub-object and the first sub-object in a hierarchical relationship.

9. A computer accessible medium which when executed by a processor causes the processor
to perform a method of forming a negotiation object of an intelligent agent comprising:
forming at least one first sub-object associated with the negotiation object; and
forming at least one second sub-object associated with the first sub-object, wherein a
negotiation with the second sub-object is satisfied prior to entering negotiation with the
first sub-object.

10. The computer accessible medium as in claim 9, further comprising:
forming at least one attribute associated with the first sub-object.